

REMARKS**OVERVIEW**

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8 and 11 have been amended. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 11 has been objected to because previous claim 11 referred to claim 8 instead of claim 10. Therefore claim 11 has been appropriately amended.

ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as the Examiner indicates that the claimed invention is directed towards non-statutory subject matter. The Applicant respectfully disagrees, however, amends independent claims 1 and 8 to refer to "the computer network". It is further observed that claims 1-18 are not directed towards a data structure, but towards a method.

ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uemura (U.S. 2001/0027429 A1). These rejections are respectfully traversed. Uemura is directed towards complex equipment such as an analyzing system which includes a data processor and supports direct monitoring and maintenance of its own component parts (paragraph [0002]). To be sure, Uemura solves a different problem in a different way than what is claimed.

For example, claim 1 explicitly requires "providing a plurality of product manufacturer selection options for a customer to select from over the computer network" and "receiving a manufacturer selection of one of the product manufacturers over the computer network". Uemura does not disclose these limitation as the Examiner already recognizes (Office Action, page 3, numbered paragraph 5). The Examiner indicates that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified the method of Uemura to allow customers to select a product manufacturer from a plurality of product manufacturer options. This is not correct because Uemura is limited to a system that provides for online component ordering directly from a manufacturer. Why would a manufacturer of a system that is capable of ordering its own replacement parts link the equipment itself to a competitor or other source of component parts instead of directly to the manufacturer? In fact one of the very problems Uemura resolves is "the problem of parts being ordered from someone other than the manufacturer" (paragraph [008]). Thus, Uemura would teach away from allowing ordering from other manufacturers. Of course Uemura also does not disclose the step of "receiving a manufacturer selection of one of the product manufacturers over the computer network" either.

Another significant limitation not disclosed by Uemura is the step of "providing over the computer network a schematic illustrating a plurality of component parts of the product with associated reference identifiers". Uemura discloses a parts diagram in paragraph [00118]. However it must be understood that in Uemura the parts diagram is not provided over the computer network. Instead, the parts diagram is stored in the memory of the user's data processing apparatus. Uemura does not provide a schematic over the computer network. Therefore, there is yet another reason why Uemura is deficient.

There is also an independent reason for patentability of claim 3. Claim 3 requires that the product be a firearm product. It must be remembered, that Uemura is directed towards an analyzer with an associated data processing apparatus that can determine for itself when additional parts need to be ordered. An analyzer is a very different type of product than a firearm. It would not make sense to have a firearm product that automatically reordered parts for itself given the very different natures of a firearm product and an analyzing system. Therefore this rejection should be withdrawn as well for this independent reason.

There is also an independent reason for patentability of claim 7. Claim 7 requires a description to include more than one name associated with a component part. As the Examiner recognizes, Uemura does not disclose this limitation (Office Action, page 4). Moreover, where Uemura is only directed towards a single manufacturer, it would not make sense to have more than one name associated with the same component part. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this objection to claim 7 should be withdrawn for this independent reason as well.

With respect to claim 8, claim 8 requires "providing a plurality of gun manufacturer selection options for a customer to select from", "receiving a manufacturer selection of one of the gun manufacturers over the computer network" and "providing over the computer network a schematic illustrating a plurality of component parts of the gun product with associated reference identifiers". As previously expressed, Uemura does not disclose any of these limitations. Therefore this rejection to claim 8 must be withdrawn. As claims 9-18 depend from claim 8, these rejections must also be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 19, claim 19 requires numerous limitations not disclosed by Uemura. As the Examiner recognizes, Uemura is not directed towards a firearm product. In fact, Uemura is directed towards an analyzing system which is a significantly different type of product

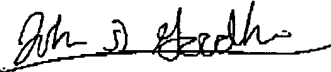
than a gun part. In addition to these differences, claim 19 includes the limitation such as "receiving from the website a schematic of the gun". Uemura does not disclose receiving any type of schematic over a website let alone one of a firearm product. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection to claim 19 must also be withdrawn.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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